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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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Signature	<i>Heiner Ophardt</i>
Date	21 st July 2003

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METERING BALL-VALVE WITH BIASED HOUSING

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: **Heiner OPHARDT and Tony KORTLEVE-SNIDER**Application No./Patent No.: **Not yet known** Filed/Issue Date: **Concurrently herewith**Entitled: **Metering Ball-Valve With Biased Housing****HYGIENE-TECHNIK INC.**, a **corporation**

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